

Proclamation

Alzheimer's disease affects more than 4.5 million Americans of every race, gender and culture and costs our nation more than \$100 billion a year. As many as 16 million Americans could have the disease by 2050.

In Hawai'i, nearly 28,000 residents struggle with the devastating effects of this progressive and irreversible neurological disorder.

For nearly 25 years, the donor-supported Alzheimer's Association has provided reliable information, supportive services for families, increased funding for dementia research and influenced public policy changes.

The Alzheimer's Association's Aloha Chapter, established in 1982, is the only organization in our state dedicated solely to providing help and hope to people with Alzheimer's disease, as well as their families and caregivers.

Each year, the Alzheimer's Association sponsors a series of Memory Walks across the country. Participants on these walks sign up as teams or individuals, and collect pledges from their friends, family, co-workers, and other sponsors to help raise as many dollars as possible to help fund Alzheimer's programs and services.

All funds raised by the Memory Walks in Hawai'i will stay in Hawai'i to serve the communities where the funds were raised.

This year, the Alzheimer's Association's Aloha Chapter has several walks scheduled across our state over the upcoming months:

- Saturday, September 9 in Honolulu at Fisherman's Wharf
- Saturday, September 30 in Hilo at Prince Kuhio Plaza
- Saturday, October 7 on Kuaui at Kukui Grove Shopping Center
- Saturday, October 14 on Maui at Queen Kaahumanu Center
- Saturday, October 28 in Kona at Keauhou Shopping Center

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim September 9, 30 and October 7, 14 and 28, 2006, as

ALZHEIMER'S WALK DAYS

in Hawai`i, and thank the Alzheimer's Association – Aloha Chapter, for their continued support for those struggling with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this sixth day of September 2006.

Linda Lingle

Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Ir.

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i